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1. Troop trains observed at the Rathenow railroad station between 15 and 20 April included nine trains enroute from Doeberitz to Wolmirstedt; four trains enroute from Satzkorn to Haldensleben between 18 and 20 April; and eight trains dispatched from Rathenow to Altengrabow between 15 and 20 April.*
2. Only guard details were observed at the Infanterie and Pionier casernes at Rathenow after 12 April.
3. It was observed that the so-called Lossa (M52/J59) restricted area borders on Bucha, 7 km northeast of Lossa, and on Hemleben, 14 km northwest of Lossa. During the period from 13 to 23 April, low wooden administrative buildings, underground quartering facilities and a pumping station were under construction in the restricted area. The installation is allegedly designed to serve as a summer camp in place of the former forest camp near Eisenach and is to have a capacity of about 40,000 men. Since 1 April, all farmers in the Lossa area have been forbidden to enter their fields. Trees are being cut in the woods and ammunition dumps camouflaged against air observation are being built. On 11 April, a convoy of 40 trucks, belonging mostly to the headquarters units of the 1st Guards Mechanized Army, and one truck each of the 11th Guards Tank Division and the 9th Tanks Division were observed proceeding through Apolda toward Die Finne (a ridge of hills). Each truck was loaded with equipment and twenty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.**

* Comment: The trains from Doeberitz and Satz Korn carried units of the 10th Guards Tank Division, and those from Rathenow units of the 6th Artillery Division.

** [] Comment: It is interesting to note that the truck convoy entering the restricted area did not belong to the 8th Guards Army. Already on 19 April, a convoy of vehicles belonging to army engineer units of the 1st Guards Mechanized Army was observed in Weimar proceeding north. It is believed that this convoy was also moving to the Losaa area.

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